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  earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

1)☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.

2a)☐ This action is **FINAL.**   2b)☒ This action is non-final.

3)☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is
closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4)☒ Claim(s) *1-20* is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6)☒ Claim(s) *1-20* is/are rejected.

7)☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.

8)☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9)☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10)☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a)☐ accepted or b)☐ objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11)☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12)☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a)☐ All   b)☐ Some * c)☐ None of:

1.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2.☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3.☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage
application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1)☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) Ɔ

2)☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3)☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date *2/26/02.* ●

4)☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .

5)☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6)☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1.   The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the correct form of

"access" must be replaced with "accesses" (page 2, line 7).

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis

for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

> A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –
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> (e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2.   Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by U. S.

Patent No. 6, 466, 952 B2 (Hanes et al.), herein referred to as Hanes.

Referring to claims 1, 17 and 20, Hanes discloses a method for remotely storing data

(column 1, lines 6-9). Hanes discloses opening a first data item in an application on a first client

device (column 4, lines 39-45). Hanes also discloses in response to an action from a user, storing

at least a portion of the first data item in a predetermined storage location on the first client

device (column 4, lines 30-50). Hanes also discloses in response to a synchronization condition,

automatically synchronizing contents of the predetermined location with a remote storage

location (column 5, lines 12-16).

Referring to claim 2, Hanes discloses adding a remote save button to an interface

application (column 8, lines 32-34).

Referring to claim 3, Hanes discloses selection of the remote save button (column 8, lines 32-34).

Referring to claim 4, Hanes discloses a predetermined directory or folder for the predetermined storage location (column 4, lines 40-45).

Referring to claim 5, Hanes discloses loading a set of preferences for a user (column 4, lines 40-50).

Referring to claim 6, Hanes discloses storing the at least a portion of the first data item based on the set of preferences (column 4, lines 40-46).

Referring to claim 7, Hanes discloses that the location is identified in the set of preferences (column 4, lines 40-46).

Referring to claim 8, Hanes discloses that the set of preferences is one of a plurality of sets of preferences in a multi-user environment (column 4, lines 25-31).

Referring to claim 9, Hanes discloses identifying a selected portion of the first data item (column 4, lines 60-61). Hanes discloses creating a second data item with the selected portion, and storing the second data item in the predetermined storage location (column 5, lines 12-16).

Referring to claim 10, Hanes discloses selection of a synchronization button (column 8, lines 32-34).

Referring to claim 11, Hanes discloses expiration of predetermined time period for the synchronization (column 5, lines 58-67).

Referring to claims 12 and 18, Hanes discloses that the remote storage location is a server device (Figure 4).

Referring to claim 13, Hanes discloses that the server device comprises one network file server and a Web server (Figure 4 and column 4, lines 10-15).

Referring to claims 14 and 19, Hanes discloses requesting, at a second client device, access to the server device and in response to receiving permission from the server device, accessing, at the second client device, data items stored in the remote storage location (column 4, lines 31-41).

Referring to claim 15, Hanes discloses requesting access to the server device comprises sending authentication information from the second client device to the server device (column 4, lines 35-37).

Referring to claim 16, Hanes does not explicitly disclose using a username and a password for authentication. It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to disclose using a username and password. Hanes discusses using verification steps based on user input, wherein user input is relied upon to determine access to a storage system. The addition of username and password as authentication would have been obvious as it is a well known mechanism used for verification of a process or user. Hence, it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art at the time of the invention to use a username and password for authentication.

Conclusion

3.   The prior art made of record on form PTO-892 and not relied upon is considered

pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Applicant is required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111(c) to consider

these references fully when responding to this action. The documents cited therein teach the

method for remotely storing data.

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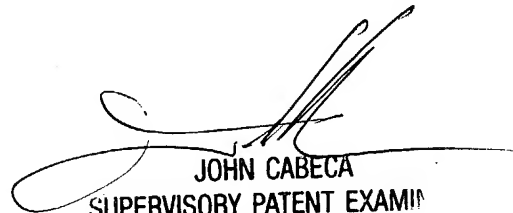examiner can normally be reached on 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM.

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supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571) 272-4048.

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